



FEBRUARY SAN LEANDRO RESERVOIR TRIP

On Sunday, Feb. 15, sparkling spring weather lured 35 members and their guests on an auto caravan to St. Mary's Lake, the westernmost arms of San Leandro Reservoir, and Raccoon Canyon in Redwood Regional Park. A fine specimen of a hybrid red-breasted-red-naped sapsucker was observed in the town of Moraga where the group assembled. Fifty-two other species were observed: w. and pied-b. grebes; do.-cr. cormorant, gr. bl. heron, Can. goose, mallard; ring-n. and ruddy ducks; hooded and Am. mergansers; t. vulture; Cooper, red-t., and sp. hawks; g. eagle, Cal. quail, coot, mour. dove; Anna and Allen hummingbirds; red-sh. flicker; blk. and Say phoebes; Stel. and scrub jays; ch.-b. chickadee, pl. titmouse, bush-tit, wren-tit, Bew. wren, robin; var. and her. thrushes; w. bluebird, ruby-cr. kinglet, Hut. vireo, Aud. warbler, house sparrow, w. meadowlark; red-w. and Br. blackbirds; house finch, siskin, Am. goldfinch; sp. and br. towhees; Ore. junco; lark; wh.-cr., gold.-cr., fox and song sparrows.

— LEE STALLCUP, *Leader and Historian.*

FEBRUARY BERKELEY AQUATIC PARK TRIP

On Saturday, Feb. 28, there was a heavy overcast and a chilly wind off of the bay; nevertheless about 27 people showed up at the KRE parking lot. Two red-throated loons were spotted resting on the far bank of the pool. Later the group made the circuit of the Berkeley Aquatic Park, where quite a variety of birds were seen but in considerably smaller numbers than earlier in the winter. After scanning the Yacht Harbor briefly, the group disbanded as nobody seemed to want to walk out on the pier, and the tide was then in so a visit to the Pt. Isabel area was not promising. A total of 42 species was observed: red-th. loon; hor., eared, w., and pied-b. grebes; br. pelican, do.-cr. cormorant, Am. egret, blk.-cr. n. heron, mallard, Am. widgeon, pintail, shoveller, canvasback; gr. and lesser scaups; Am. golden-eye, bufflehead, surf scoter, ruddy duck, red-br. merganser, sp. hawk, coot, killdeer, blk.-bel. plover, willet, gr. yellow-legs, red-b. sandpiper, sanderling; glau.-w., w., herring, Cal., short-b., and Bon. gulls; For. tern, robin, Aud. warbler, house finch; house, wh.-cr., and song sparrows.

— A. LAURENCE CURL, *Leader and Historian.*

AUDUBON CAMP OF CALIFORNIA

The National Audubon Society has announced details of the Audubon Camp of California which will be held again this year at the Sugar Bowl, 7000 feet high in the Sierra Nevada near Donner Summit. Five two-week sessions will be held, beginning June 17, July 1, July 15, July 29, and Aug. 12. The camp will be headed again by Vaughan MacCaughey, and the cost per session is \$95. Further details may be obtained from the N.A.S. office in San Francisco.

The Golden Gate Audubon Society had an unusually large turnover in officers this year. Among those retiring were Treasurer Ivander MacIver (since 1942), Editor of Observations Junea W. Kelly (since 1943), Editor Minnie H. Young (since 1948), Corresponding Secretary Edward Mayers (since 1950), Director Thomas Corder and Membership Chairman Alison Berry. The Society is deeply indebted to these members for their many years of service.

The Editor wishes to announce that he has not assumed responsibility for the distribution of THE GULL. This function is still being carried out by the committee headed by Miss Minnie H. Young, past Editor of THE GULL. Requests for extra or missing copies, and changes of address, should be sent to her at the address on the back page.

OBSERVATIONS

Black Brant, 300 in Bodega Bay, Feb. 23; Semipalmated Plover, Point Isabel, Feb. 22; Long-billed Curlew, 6 at Point Isabel on Feb. 14; Hudsonian Curlew, 3 at Point Isabel on Feb. 22; Greater Yellow-legs, 50 along Sears Poiné Cut-off Road on Feb. 23; Band-tailed Pigeon, 35 near Wildcat Peak, Tilden Park, Feb. 28; White-throated Swift, 8 over Broadway in downtown Oakland, Mch. 7; Varied Thrush, about 20 near Jewel Lake, Feb. 28; Golden-crowned Kinglet, near Jewel Lake, Feb. 28 (Larry Curl); Cedar Waxwings, 40 by U. S. Mint Building, San Francisco, March 1-6 (Bradley S. Sibley); Hutton Vireo, El Cerrito, Mch. 1 (L. C.); Evening Grosbeaks, 13 at Lafayette, March 3 (Harry Adamson).

According to the Bulletin of the Santa Clara Audubon Society, a bald eagle was seen on Feb. 14 at Crystal Springs Reservoir by Fanny Zwaal; Adist Boylan saw one on Dec. 20 in Mt. Hermon.

In THE OBSERVER, publication of the Sacramento Audubon Society, for Jan. - Feb. 1953, it was reported that a red-naped red-breasted sapsucker hybrid was seen this year on the same tree where a similar one was seen last year. The former was collected (to save the tree) and classified by Dr. Alden Miller as a hybrid. A similar bird was seen on the GGAS trip to Moraga on Feb. 15.

The last Audubon Screen Tour Lecture of the 1952-53 season will be held in the Berkeley High School Little Theatre on April 23 — Walter H. Shackleton's "Oddities in Nature".

TRIP TO CHIRICAHUA MTNS., ARIZONA

There will be a car-camping trip to the Chiricahua Mountains in extreme southeastern Arizona from May 17 to 24. There will probably be three campsites including one in the scenic "Wonderland of Rocks", Chiricahua National Monument. Besides spectacular scenery, this area is notable for the extreme versatility of its botanical life, pines, aspens, firs, and cactus grow side by side; the climate is wonderful and the birds—well, suffice it to mention such names as red-faced warbler, painted redstart, bridled titmouse, Mexican chickadee, scaled quail, Scott oriole, blue-throated and Rivoli hummingbirds, white-necked raven, hepatic tanager, whip-poor-will, wild turkey, etc., etc.

There are Park Service and Forest Service campgrounds with water, tables, garbage pits, etc. The camping is not at all hard and while there are good hiking trails, it is not necessary to move out of camp. Blue-throated hummer has been observed from the sleeping bag. A campstove, sleeping bags, comfortable clothes and shoes are the main requisites. Food for several meals should be purchased in Tucson or Phoenix. While rain is very improbable at this season, a light tarpaulin is a handy thing to have along. For those not wishing to camp, housekeeping apartments but no meals are available at the Far-away Ranch, while meals and lodging are available at the Silver Spur Guest Ranch, both very near the Monument, address: Dos Cabezas, Ariz.

Persons interested in thus speedily enlarging their life list of birds should contact Harry Adamson, 995 Carol Lane, Lafayette, phone Lafayette 2164.

CONDENSED TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1952

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Balance on hand January 1, 1952	\$2944.46	
Receipts in 1952	5158.50	\$8102.96
Expenditures in 1952	4772.58	
Balance in commercial account January 1, 1953	3329.38	
Cash on hand	1.00	\$8102.96

TOTAL ASSETS:

Commercial account	\$3329.38	
Cash on hand	1.00	
Savings account	70.74	
U. S. Treasury Bond	464.50	\$3865.62

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership in force December 31, 1951	433
Membership in force December 31, 1952	506

Signed: IVANDER MACIVER, *Treasurer*.

January 12, 1953.

In the March 1953 number of THE GULL, the report of the Field Trips Committee for 1952 was published, but the name of the Chairman, Harry C. Adamson, was accidentally omitted.

APRIL MEETING

The 427th meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held in the West Auditorium of the Oakland Public Library, Oak and 14th Streets, on April 9 at 7:30 p.m. After the business meeting, Mrs. Janet Nickelsburg, author and producer of the television program "Stop, Look and Listen" will speak on the subject "Sign Posts for Young Scientists". Her scripts under this title were broadcast for over five years from KNBC. Open to the public. No-host dinner at 6 o'clock at Zerikote's.

—DOROTHY DEAN SCOTT, *Program Chairman*.

APRIL ARROYO MOCHO TRIP

On Sunday, April 19, to the McCoy ranch southeast of Livermore, where Bullock orioles, phainopeplas, Lewis woodpeckers, etc., may be seen as well as a variety of wild flowers. Note that this trip does not come on the weekend after the monthly meeting, but a week later. We will meet at the flagpole in Livermore at 9 and drive south on S. Livermore Ave., Tesla Road and the Mines Road to the McCoy ranch. After birding in the vicinity of the ranch we will drive some two miles farther up the Arroyo Mocho to the bridge where the phainopepla is usually seen. For those who desire to see more species, the road continues to either Mt. Hamilton or to Patterson with interesting habitats either way. Leader, Howard Cogswell. Bring telescopes, binoculars, lunch and interested friends.

APRIL BAY FARM ISLAND TRIP

On Saturday, April 25, to Bay Farm Island to see the shorebirds in spring dress. This should be a very favorable time of year for the waders. Meet at Lincoln Park, Santa Clara and High Streets, in Alameda at 9. From there follow the leader to McCartney Drive. Leader, Doris Brenneman—AS. 3-0607. Bring binoculars, telescopes, lunch if desired, and interested friends.

—HARRY C. ADAMSON, *Field Trips Chairman*.

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